

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-05-16**

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Commission Meeting: May 16, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest N2006.5.59 (Scott)

On May 1, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-08, Grandfather the 911 CELLTRACE product. The hardware currently used to support CELLTRACE has become manufacture discontinued and the supplier will no longer

provide replacement parts or repair non working parts. With this filing Qwest will grandfather and continue to provide CELLTRACE to existing customers for as long as it can obtain the parts to do so. This filing also supports the industry move to Phase II wireless 911. Qwest is requesting a June 1, 2006 effective date. Probable Motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 06-08 in Docket N2006.5.59.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. N2005.9.139 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Montana-Dakota Utilities 2005 Electric Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) – Discuss any and all matters necessary to proceed to process MDU's IRP filing. Discussions may include a summary review of the filed plan, process and options to proceed. (5/16/06)
2. N2005.12.172 – NorthWestern Energy – NorthWestern Energy's December 2005 Electric Default Procurement Plan – Placeholder – If necessary, discuss and act on any matters related to the public hearing in this docket. (5/16/06)
3. FERC – ER05-124 – PPL Montana – PPL Montana Application for Continuation of Authority to Charge Market-Based Rates – Update Commission on recent filings and developments in the FERC docket and discuss all matters relating to the issues. (05/16/06)
4. L-06.2.1-RUL – PSC rulemaking to implement SB 415, renewable energy standards – Discuss/act on notice adopting rules. (5/16/06)
5. D2005.5.87 - NorthWestern Energy – 2005 natural gas tracker – Discussion, direction, action on draft final order. (5/16/06)
6. Out-of-state travel – Obtain approval for staff travel requests. (5/16/06)

Other Meetings

5/19/06 10:00 a.m. – Informational meeting with NorthWestern Energy and Babcock and Brown Infrastructure representatives regarding proposed sale (Bollinger Room)

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Ronan Telephone Company N2006.5.61 (Scott)

On May 3, 2006, Ronan Telephone Company (RTC) filed proposed Directory Assistance tariffs. The company that RTC has been using for directory assistance is no longer providing that service. The proposed new rate is the result of an increase in rates that RTC must pay to the directory assistance provider.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. NORTHWESTERN ENERGY D2006.5.66 (AI)

On May 9, 2006, NorthWestern Energy (NWE) filed a Motion for Protective Order in this docket, which will be NWE's 2006-2007 annual Electric Tracker docket in which NWE will seek approval of Electric Supply Deferred Cost Account Balance and Projected Electric Supply Cost. NWE requests the following information be protected from uncontrolled public disclosure on the

bases that the information is trade secret and confidential business information:

- Item A Actual and forecasted detailed monthly expenses of third-party Demand-Side Management (DSM) suppliers and the monthly invoices supporting these costs;
- Item B Forecasts of detailed monthly prices of electricity to be supplied for Default Supply obligations under contract;
- Item C Forecasts of detailed monthly volumes of electricity to be supplied for Default Supply obligations under contract;
- Item D Prices associated with RFP responses, auction responses, broker negotiated supply or negotiation proposals;
- Item E Volumes associated with RFP responses, auction responses, broker negotiated or negotiation proposals;
- Item F Location of delivery of electricity associated with RFP responses, auction responses, broker negotiated supply or negotiation proposals; and
- Item G NWE's, an RFP administrator's, or a broker's evaluation of the parties from whom NWE purchases or may purchase electricity, the associated costs and volumes, and the location of delivery of the electricity.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2006.5.61 – Ronan Telephone Company – Revisions to Local Directory Assistance Tariffs

D2006.5.62 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Application for Approval to Add New Thermal Zones

D2006.5.63 – Qwest Corporation and Matthews Answering Service, Inc. – Application for Approval of Paging Type 1/Type 2 Interconnection Agreement

D2006.5.64 – Qwest Corporation and Spectrum Communications – Application for Approval of Paging Type 1/Type 2 Interconnection Agreement

D2006.5.65 – Qwest Corporation and YMAX Communications Corp. –
Application for Approval of Wireline Interconnection Agreement
D2006.5.66 – NorthWestern Energy – Motion for Protective Order
D2006.5.67 – Qwest Corporation and Pager People, Inc. - Application for
Approval of Paging Type 1/Type 2 Interconnection Agreement
D2006.5.68 – Qwest Corporation and Liberty Paging Service, Inc. – Application
for Approval of Paging Type 1/Type 2 Interconnection Agreement
N2006.5.69 – Electric City Power, Incorporated – Application for License to
Supply Electricity